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were some people that were killing people. And they knew this since the beginning.

POTTER: The CIA has no comment. The State Department says it has been pressuring the FDN leaders to clean out what it calls the rotten apples. And the FDN members who have come forward to talk say unless the men are ousted, the chances for congressional aid for the movement will evaporate.

NATO Ships Attacked

JENNINGS: A fleet of NATO ships in the harbor at Lisbon in Portugal was the target of an apparent terrorist attack overnight. Three mortar rounds were fired at the ships, which included frigates and destroyers from several NATO countries, including the American destroyer Richard Byrd.

There were no injuries and no damage, and the fleet sailed from Lisbon this morning on schedule.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS
7:00 P.M.

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Soviet Leadership Change

TOM BROKAW: Reports from Moscow tonight say that Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko is so gravely ill that a change in leadership is already in the works.

Diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb reports tonight on this crisis in the Kremlin.

MARVIN KALB: Chernenko was last seen in public on December 27th. He is described as so sick that his functions are now being absorbed by other members of the Politburo, accelerating the transition to a new Soviet leader.

Experts say Mikhail Gorbachev, age 53, a self-styled reformer, has the inside track. But he's not a sure thing. His principal competitor is Georgi Romanov, age 62, who's cultivated a reputation as a hard-liner, while reaching out for support to the army and the secret police.

Either one would represent a kind of generational shift of power to younger leaders, away from the older ones: Tikhonov, age 79; Gromyko, age 75; Grishin, 70.

Question for an expert: Might Chernenko lose his power while still in office?

ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI: If Chernenko is truly incapacitated, I think the chances are high that, unlike in the past, they'll move to take his power away. Because the Soviet Union has been, in effect, leaderless now for several years, and that's a terribly disruptive, as well as paralyzing, condition for any power.

KALB: Because of Chernenko's illness, secret soundings between Moscow and Washington to arrange a ceremonial summit meeting on May 8th in Vienna, Austria have now ended.

CBS EVENING NEWS
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Kidnapped Americans in Lebanon

DAN RATHER: Almost a year ago, William Buckley, a political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, was kidnapped. Today a video tape of Buckley was obtained by a British news organization, and in it Buckley says he is well, and he says that two other kidnapped Americans, CNN Beirut Bureau chief Jeremy Levin and